Nymphas Warren MURDOCK
Representative & Senator

NYMPHAS WARREN MURDOCK, whose well ordered ranch estate is situated three miles west of the village of Fruitland, Duchesne County, was born at Charleston, Wasatch County, Utah, June 17, 1887, a son of Joseph R. and Margaret (Wright) Murdock, and grandson of N. C. and Melissa (Barney) Murdock and of William and Jemima Wright, the latter of whom were pioneer settlers in Salt Lake City, whence they later removed to Charleston, Wasatch County, where they passed the closing years of their lives. Joseph R. Murdock was born in Salt Lake City, and his father, N. C. Murdock, was born and reared in the State of New York, whence he came to Utah in the latter part of the 1840 decade and established residence in Salt Lake City, he having been the owner of the land on which now stands the Walker Building in that city and after his removal to Charleston having served as bishop of the local stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints and as president of the stake for a period of thirty years. He was a merchant, agriculturist and grower of live stock.

Joseph R. Murdock, now a resident of Salt Lake City, has been a man of broad and varied activities and has been constructively

associated with irrigation projects, ranch enterprise and mercantile business. He has maintained residence in Salt Lake City during the past fifteen or more years, but was long an influential citizen of Wasatch County and served twenty-five years as bishop and stake president of the Wasatch Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints, he having previously served the church as counselor to his father at Charleston. He represented Wasatch County as a member of both the House and Senate of the Utah Legislature.

Nymphas W. Murdock attended school at Heber City and in 1907 was graduated in Brigham Young University. Thereafter he served for a time as bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment, but during a period of fully fifteen years he has been one of the successful representatives of modern ranch industry in the Fruitland district of Duchesne County, where he gives attention to sheep growing and to diversified agriculture. He holds the office of elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints, for which he served a mission in the northern states in 1910.

In 1908 Mr. Murdock wedded Miss Emma C. Hicken, who is now deceased, and the children of this union are Mrs. Fay Hilton, Joseph O., Fern, John, Carl, Norma, Barney and Catherine. June 26, 1929, recorded the marriage of Mr. Murdock to Mrs. Henrietta (Perry) Angle, and their one child is a son, Nymphas. Of the three children of Mrs. Murdock's first marriage Thora is living and Glenn and Georgia are deceased.

THANKS

Thanks to all of you who made our victory possible. Feel free to contact me with your concerns for better government or your view point on state issues.

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WILLIAM AND SUSAN ROSS O'NEIL

William O'Neil was born June 22, 1855, a son of John and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. He married Susan Matilda Ross December 5, 1877 in Midway.

Susan Matilda Ross, daughter of James Jackson and Susan Luvernia Robey Ross, was born in Provo, March 22, 1860.

William spent his young life in Midway and after his marriage to Susan they moved to Roosevelt and Uintah County where they made their permanent home.

He was a missionary to Scotland and Ireland in 1889-1901, and served as president of the Uintah Stake YMMIA. He was first counselor to Bishop Joseph A. McKee of the Glines Ward and first counselor to S. A. Russell in the Cedar View Branch Presidency. He was assistant Sunday School superintendent, and a teacher in the Glines Ward, as well as a high councilman, and stake missionary. He was also a member of the Third state legislature from Uintah County, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Cedar View Building Company. Other distinctions included school trustee and treasurer of the Roosevelt School District and delegate to the eleventh National Irrigation Congress in 1902. He was also a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War.

Children of William and Susan were:

William, married Mary Elizabeth Wardle;
Mrs. Joseph James (Susan) Hardy;
Mrs. George (Agnes) Fuller;
George, married Lenora Abplanalp;
Mrs. Louis (Nancy) Wall;
Mrs. Samuel Henry (Cora) Summerall;
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Nellie;
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John Walter.

Rock M POPE
Representative

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State senators from Wasatch County have been J. B. Wilson, J. W. Clyde and Glen M. Hatch, Jr. Robert F. Clyde is current representative

Orson Ryan
Chaplan – State Legislature
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ORSON RYAN

Great teachers are born to their calling, as students of Wasatch County who were privileged to be numbered in the classes of Orson Ryan can testify. They knew from personal experience that he was great in his profession.

When formal exercises of graduation from the eighth grade marked the end of an era in the lives of young people, Mr. Ryan's students found that end to be really painful. Concern at the thought of three days of rigid examinations to be conducted by strangers appointed by state authorities was completely overshadowed by a sense of loss. School days would no more begin by standing at attention to recite the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. The tone of the day would no longer be set by an opening song followed by Mr. Ryan's dramatic reading of such new books as "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" rendered a bit at a time. The emotions of conquest and defeat and of perseverance crowned with ultimate victory could no more be had vicariously through his reading of such historical classics as "Scottish Chiefs."

Orson Ryan had been their teacher three years. He belonged to them! His first wife had died the very week he assumed charge of them in the sixth grade. His grief had been their grief, and with the years his joys became their joys. Perhaps no greater lesson in chastity was ever taught than he gave the morning he told his students he had been privileged to kiss the lips of a beautiful girl who had promised to become his wife and to be a mother to his two little girls. Without extended preachment, every boy and every girl understood the solemn sacredness of a first kiss.

Students of "Sleepy Hollow, 1908-1909" still recall how skilfully final farewells were avoided. At the approach of the last hour of the last day, Mr. Ryan suggested there was just time to get to the new baseball park for the opening game. All the boys and most of the girls followed their beloved "Pied Piper," but a few sank down on the ditch bank and sought relief in tears.

Loss to them was only gain for others, for Orson Ryan continued to teach in Heber City. No lasting farewells to his students were ever spoken, for class reunions were held in years just prior to his death.

Orson Ryan was born November 28, 1877, in Hoytsville, Summit County, Utah, son of William and Janet Cochrane Ryan. After his father's death he attended school in Heber City and at Brigham Young Academy. He later attended the University of Utah and Columbia University.

In an administrative capacity he served as superintendent of the schools of Wasatch County, Carbon County, Jordan School District and of Logan city schools. He acted for a time as rural education administrator for International Harvester Company, and from 1927 to 1948 he was a representative of the John C. Winston Company, publishers of school text books. He served as High Councilman in East Cache Stake and was appointed chaplain of the State Legislature in 1955.

Orson Ryan was married to Jane Ohwiler in June, 1900. She died in 1906 and Dora Murdock became his wife in May, 1910. He was the father of nine children. His death from a heart ailment occurred on April 4, 1956, in Logan, Utah. He was survived by his widow, five sons: Kent, of

Dallas, Texas; Miller M., of Salt Lake City; Richard B. of San Rafael, California; William R., of Cokesville, Wyoming; J. Stewart, of Cattle Creek, Michigan; four daughters, Mrs. Anne Palmer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Venice Nielson, Logan; Miss Orvilla Ryan, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Dorthea Cox, Portland, Ore.; and 20 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. E. R. Gibson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Harold A STEVENS
Representative

HAROLD A. STEVENS

Harold A. Stevens was born January 23, 1894, at Victor, Idaho, to Nathan H. and Mary Chase Stevens. He was reared on the frontier, and his schooling was limited.

He was a rancher and stage driver. He served a mission to the Western States and Mexico for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1915 to 1917. Called into the United States army in April, 1918, he trained at Camp Lewis, Washington, and Camp Kearney, California. He served with Company C, 358th Infantry. He spent 72 days on the St. Mehiel and Meuse Argonne fronts without relief and engaged in the last battle of World War I at Stenay, France, from October 22 to November 11, 1918. He was one of the 33 survivors of a company of 250 men. He spent November, 1918, to June, 1919, in the army of occupation at Don, Germany.

On December 17, 1919, he married Mina L. Duke in the Salt Lake City Temple. Born to the Stevens were H. Duke and Ralph N. Stevens. Mina passed away in March, 1942.

Engaged in the furniture business in Heber City many years, he also served two terms as mayor of Heber, 1938-42; also two terms in the Utah State Legislature, 1944-45 and 1947-48.

He married Melba Stewart Payne on June 2, 1954. They moved to Salt Lake City on September 1, 1955, selling furniture business to his sons, Duke and Ralph. He is now employed as a county building appraiser for Salt Lake County. 488

Harold Stevens

Harold Stevens, formerly a city councilman, was elected to serve as mayor beginning in 1938 and completed two terms, serving through 1941. City councilmen during the first term included Athel B. Fitzgerald, Owen F. Buell, Nephi Moulton, Andrew A. Lindsay and Douglas Giles. Officers of the city during Mayor Stevens' second term of 1940-41, were Nephi Moulton, Owen F. Buell, Charles C. Bronson and Douglas Giles, councilmen and Isabell A. Lewis, treasurer.

Mayor Stevens directed the installation of sewer lines in the north part of Heber, purchased an attractive two-acre addition to the cemetery, installed water lines at the cemetery, built a grandstand at the city park, constructed a baseball diamond, worked on main street improvements, and also purchased the balance of Broadhead Spring for culinary purposes.

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Roland Uresk to Run for District 55

It was announced this week by Mr. Roland Uresk of Roosevelt, that he has officially kicked off his campaign for the District 55 seat of the Utah House of Representatives. District 55 includes all of Duchesne County, Heber City, the Eastern portion of Wasatch County and the Western portion of Uintah County.

Mr. Uresk supports an improved educational system, without unnecessary increased taxation, and favors efforts toward a fair and equitable tax system. Roland seeks increased economic development to broaden the tax base for the area which he seeks to represent. Roland is also concerned about honest and open government and supports statewide efforts to achieve a balanced legislature.

Roland is an attorney with a private practice located in Roosevelt. He is presently serving as the Duchesne City attorney and has represented other small municipalities on several occasions. Roland is currently serving his second term as the Duchesne County Democrat Chairman.

As a lifetime resident of this area Roland feels that he understands the needs and desires of the people of this area and can deal with, and represent, their concerns in the most efficient and effective manner. Mr. Uresk's opponent in this campaign is Mr. Alarik Myrin.

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Representative
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Chr.		Place	
Marr.	19 Sep 1900	Place	Midway, Wstch, Utah
Died	15 Sep 1952	Place	Midway, Wstch, Utah
Bur.	18 Sep 1952	Place	Midway, Wstch, Utah
Husband's Father	VAN WAGONER, John	Husband's Mother	FAUSETT, Margaret Ann
Husband's Other Wives			

Husband: VAN WAGONER, William "L" — 1879
Wife: SHARP, Charlotte
Ward: 1. [illegible]
Examiners: 2. [illegible]
Stake or Mission: Wasatch Stake

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WIFE	SHARP, Charlotte		
Born	18 Jan 1882	Place	Heber, Wstch, Utah
Chr.		Place	
Died	9 Aug 1957	Place	Heber, Wstch, Utah
Bur.	12 Aug 1957	Place	Midway, Wstch, Utah
Wife's Father	SHARP, Jonathan	Wife's Mother	JOWETT, Ann or Annie
Wife's Other Husbands			

	Baptized (Date)	Endowed (Date)	Sealed (Date & Temple) Wife to Husband
Husband	19 Aug 1888	1 May 1901	SL 1 May 1901
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1	M	VAN WAGONER, Arthur William	14 Sep 1901	Midway	Wstch	Utah	15 Feb 1929 JONES, Winnie		14 Sep 1909	19 Oct 1921	BIC
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4	M	VAN WAGONER, Paul Halmah	9 Jan 1909	Midway	Wstch	Utah	19 Sep 1935 MURDOCH, Phyllis		20 Jan 1917	1 Nov 1928	BIC
5	M	VAN WAGONER, Ammon	27 May 1911	Midway	Wstch	Utah	16 July 1936(div) (1) KIDDER, S. May		27 May 1919	27 May 1931	BIC
6	F	VAN WAGONER, Belva	26 Mar 1913	Midway	Wstch	Utah	8 June 1932 HARPER, T. L.		21 May 1921	17 June 1932	BIC
7	M	VAN WAGONER, Ezra Earl	6 Dec 1914	Midway	Wstch	Utah	19 Nov 1937 RASBAND, Fae		7 Dec 1922	11 Jan 1935	BIC
8	M	VAN WAGONER, Grant	8 Jan 1917	Midway	Wstch	Utah		20 Jan 1917	child	child	BIC
9	F	VAN WAGONER, Virginia	23 July 1919	Midway	Wstch	Utah	11 Dec 1936 THACKER, Afton		23 July 1927	5 Dec 1960	BIC
10	M	VAN WAGONER, Joseph Alfred	18 June 1924	Midway	Wstch	Utah	22 Nov 1947 (1) READ, Patricia	21 June 1948	10 July 1932		BIC
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Fam Rec of Carole T. Bonner, 345 No. 400 E., Heber, Utah 84032.

OTHER MARRIAGES

#5 Ammon md (2) CUMMINGS, Phyllis (div)
md (3) SAVAGE, Renae Smith
#10 Joseph md (2) MAIR, Helen

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER: NAMES: WATSON, John Henry; DATES: 14 Apr 1794; Sharon, Wndsr, Vrmt

Indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an [illegible] behind the number pertaining to that child.

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Senator Watkins was born in humble circumstances in Midway, Wasatch County, Utah, on December 18, 1886, a son of Arthur and Adelia Gerber Watkins.

His paternal grandfather was John Watkins, an English-born Mormon handcart pioneer who survived the rigorous ordeal of a walk from Iowa City during the fall and winter of 1856, and then helped colonize Wasatch County, working as a builder, bricklayer, carpenter, sawmill operator, irrigation and municipality works engineer, town board president, and ward bishop in the community of Midway.

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An appointment as Assistant County Attorney for Salt Lake County took the young lawyer to Salt Lake City in 1914. There he handled his county legal job and continued his private law practice on the side for three years, until his plans were abruptly changed by an illness, followed by a serious abdominal operation.

He turned to farming in Utah County for a vocational change of pace and for physical recuperation. Both objections succeeded and Senator Watkins still retains the fine fruit farm he developed in Orem.

Greatly improved health meant a return to legal activities, and in 1928 Lawyer Watkins opened an office in Provo and soon thereafter he was elected judge of the Fourth District Court.

The following year, 1929, he was chosen as President of the Sharon Stake, a post he was to hold for over sixteen years, until shortly before he went to the Senate in 1946. One of his most widely-known efforts as a church and community official was his role as one of the organizers of a cooperative community recreation project during the depression years, known as the Sharon Community Educational and Recreational Association. This group built the attractive *Scera* Theater as both a make-work project and community center, and provided a program of wholesome indoor and outdoor recreational activities which have become nationally famous.

During these years he also established a weekly newspaper, originally called the *Voice of Sharon* and later known as the *Orem-Geneva Times.* The newspaper is still published, but Senator Watkins sold out his interests as publisher shortly after he was elected to Congress.

As a farmer and attorney, he had taken an active interest in irrigation and reclamation. This interest crystallized into an active role in a major Federal reclamation project in the early 1930's, when he was chosen as chairman of a committee to organize Central Utah water users interested in obtaining

more water for agricultural and community use. Later, he became general counsel and a leading proponent of the Provo River Water Users Association—the sponsoring agent for the successful Provo River (Deer Creek) Reclamation Project, now virtually complete. This project made possible the wartime establishment of the steel industry in Utah County and provided water for the amazing postwar growth of Utah and Salt Lake communities.

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During his twelve years of service in Washington, he was a major influence on two key committees—Interior and Judiciary—and a member also of the Joint Economic Committee.

On the Judiciary Committee, he helped conduct scores of hearings on the Communist menace, conducted by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, of which he was a member. He also helped revise our immigration laws and sponsored emergency legislation to admit refugees from countries torn by World War II and from Communist tyranny.

In addition to his activities in water resource developments, he took a prominent part in Indian affairs legislation and in the administration and improvement of mining and public lands laws.

In 1954, even though he was only beginning his second term in the Senate, he was selected as chairman of the Select Committee of the Senate to hear the charges made by fellow Senators against the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. This was a job which he did not seek, but one which he accepted because of his deep-seated sense of duty, and it is to his credit that he received nation-wide commendation for his fair, just and firm handling of this semi-judicial proceeding which, the press acknowledged, did much to restore public respect for the Senate and its investigatory procedures.

Senator and Mrs. Watkins are the parents of six children. They are Nedra W. Reese, wife of Thomas W. Reese, Orem fruit-grower; Arthur R. Watkins, Professor of Foreign Languages, Brigham Young University; Don (deceased); Venna W. Swalberg, wife of Carl Swalberg, Salt Lake City businessman; Jeanene W. Scott, wife of Richard Scott, government nuclear scientist, working with Admiral Rickover in Washington, D.C.; and Nina W. Palmer, wife of Dr. Martin Palmer, Oakland, California.

The Senator and Mrs. Watkins make their temporary home in Arlington, Va.

Arthur V. Watkins has also been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Utah. The citation reads:

"In recognition of his civic achievements in community life, as a member of the State Judiciary, as planner, policy maker, and administrator, in the field of water and resource conservation, for service to Utah as United States Senator, as champion of the dignity of that distinguished body; and for special services to the President of the United States at home and abroad, the University of Utah . . . confers upon Arthur Vivian Watkins the degree of Doctor of Laws . . ."

Currently (1962) Mr. Watkins is chief commissioner of the Indian Claims Commission in Washington, D.C. He was appointed to this post by President Eisenhower July 1, 1959.

Now in his 75th year, Mr. Watkins is vigorously expediting the work of the commission which has been given the task of adjudicating ancient Indian claims which came into existence prior to 1946, against the federal government. There are over 500 of these claims involving more than a billion dollars yet to be disposed of. The former Senator disavows any intention of staying on the commission until the job is finished, even if he could do so. He has yet the task, he tells his friends, of writing his memoirs for his family and some interested friends and associates.

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in October 1990. President Bush signed it into law Nov. 14, 1990.

Robinson was Utah's longest serving member of the House of Representatives, Nielson told Congress when he introduced the legislation to name the Provo Federal building in Robinson's honor.

Robinson was born in Coalville on Jan. 18, 1878. He left school after the sixth grade to help support his family but did not give up his education. Robinson worked a year, then went to school a year until he completed his public education.

In his remarks to the House of Representatives, Nielson said that Robinson as an undergraduate "developed somewhat of a reputation as a scrapper . . . Among other things, he would hustle bets at county fairs and the like, saying he could beat a horse in a 40-yard race. Given the fact he could indeed run the 100-yard dash in under 10 seconds, he would usually come out on the winning end."

Robinson married Birda Billings in 1905 and graduated from Brigham Young Academy in 1908. He became a teacher and principal in Vernal, then moved to Heber as principal of Wasatch High

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In 1912 Robinson earned a law degree from the University of Chicago and became a member of the Utah Bar. He practiced law in Provo and served the state as a member of the University of Utah Board of Regents. In 1932, he was elected to Congress.

"During his seven terms in Congress, Robinson was well known as an innovator and defender of issues important to the West," said Nielson. "As chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, and later the Committee on Roads, he made his mark in the areas of public land management and reclamation.

"He considered the highlight of his career his role in helping pass legislation that created the National Highway System."

Robinson was defeated in the 1946 election but remained in government service in Washington for a few years. He returned to Utah when he retired in 1949. He died in 1964 when he was 86.

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"One of the school trustees told him that herders were paid $60 a month because they were responsible for valuable property.

"'I won't work for less than sheepherders,' said Watkins, 'Children are a lot more valuable than sheep!' "He was paid $60."

Watkins was elected to the Senate in 1946. As chairman of the Select Committee on the Censure of Joseph McCarthy, Watkins was described by Time magazine as "a man little known in the past who should be long remembered into the future." McCarthy, a senator from Wisconsin, accused many people of belonging to the Communist Party.

Watkins lost his bid for re-election in 1958. He remained in Washington as a water and power consultant to the Department of the Interior. He then served as commissioner to the Indian Claims Commission until he retired in 1967.

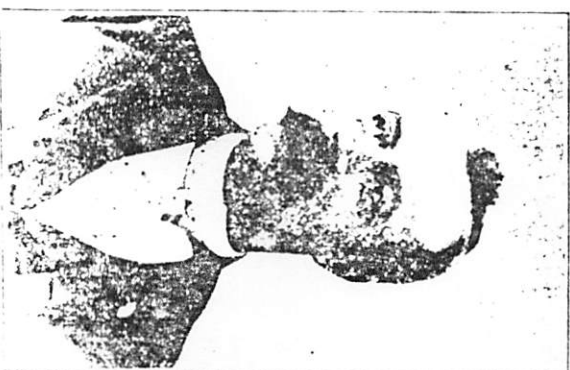
He died at 81 in 1973.

Legislature

THOMAS S. WATSON

This historical and biographical number would not be complete were we to close without saying something of Judge Watson, who for nearly forty years was a conspicuous figure in the public and social affairs of this county.

He was born in the parish of Ballingry, Fifeshire, Scotland, September 21, 1844. On March 20, 1863, he married Miss Elizabeth Honeyman, by whom he was the father of twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter, four of whom are now living — Thomas H., Wm. D., and David C. Watson of Park City, and Henry F. Watson of Charleston, this county.

Mr. Watson with his family left Scotland some time in the 60's and came to Heber in 1869. He soon began to gather material around him for a comfortable home. He was young and strong and willing to work, in the field, the quarry, or wherever he could find employment. In those days in this valley all were laborers, few were employers, but "where there's a will there's a way," and Mr. Watson had the "will" and found the "way."

May 28, 1888, his wife was gored by a bull and was found dead in the corral. Fourteen months later he married Jennie Fowas, by whom he had two children—Lindsay C. and Lillian.

In 1884 Mr. Watson was elected Probate Judge of this county, which position he held for ten years. He has held many offices of trust and honor in this county, was messenger in the constitutional convention, and in 1896 was elected county clerk and recorder which position he held at the time of his death, August 16, 1905.

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DAVID J. WILSON

David J. Wilson, United States Judge, was born in Midway, October 27, 1887, a son of James B. and Margaret Powell Wilson. He gained his early education in Midway schools and then attended Brigham Young University where he obtained his B.S. degree.

At Brigham Young University he was an intercollegiate debater, was studentbody president for two years, president of the senior class and valedictorian of his graduating class. He obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at the University of California in 1919, where he served as a teaching fellow, held the Willard D. Thompson scholarship for two years and served as editor of the California Law Review.

From 1914 to 1916 he headed the English department at the Weber Academy in Ogden. He was admitted to the Utah Bar in 1919 and practiced in Ogden until 1954. He is a member of the Weber County and Utah State Bar Associations, and was Weber County attorney from 1921 to 1925 and Second District attorney from 1929-1933. He is also a past president of the Weber County Bar, and was a member of the Utah State Bar Commission during 1953-54.

Active in Scouting work, he served as president of the Lake Bonneville Council, Boy Scouts of America and was a member at large on the National BSA Council. He holds the Silver Beaver Scouting Award.

Always active in the LDS Church, he served as a ward and stake Sunday School superintendent, was superintendent of the Weber Stake YMMIA, member of the high council in Mt. Ogden and New York stakes; bishop of the Ogden 12th Ward, member of the Mt. Ogden stake presidency, and now active in Westchester Ward of New York Stake.

He rose to national prominence in political fields. He was Republican chairman of Weber County from 1924-30, chairman of Utah's First Congressional District from

1922-32; Utah Republican chairman, 1936-44 and a delegate to the party's national conventions in 1932 and 1940. He was Republican candidate for Congress in Utah's First District in 1946 and 1948.

On May 31, 1916 he married Mary Jacobs, who was born Feb. 17, 1896 in Ogden, a daughter of Henry C. and Emma Rigby Jacobs. Mrs. Wilson has been active in Church and civic work, and has been a member of the Relief Society General Board. For eight years she was on the committee of the American Mothers, Inc.

Judge and Mrs. Wilson have five children: Marian (Mrs. O. Meredith Wilson), D. Jay Wilson, practicing attorney; L. Keith Wilson, with the University of Utah, Margaret (Mrs. L. C. Barlow) and Don B., Ogden, Utah, sales executive.

On July 26, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Judge Wilson as judge of the United States Customs Court in New York City. He presently holds this position. With Mrs. Wilson he resides in Riverdale, New York.

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James Brigham, Jr., married Lota Huffaker;
Mrs. William G. (Edna) Young;
David J., married Mary Jacobs;
Mrs. Wayne B. (Belle) Hales;
R. Arthur, married Eva Huber;
Mrs. Grant Y. (Edith) Anderson.

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HUSBAND John Wesley WITT
Born 10 Feb 1829 Place McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., Illinois
Chr. Place
Marr. 27 Mar 1851 Place 16 miles no. of SLCU (Kaysville, or Farmington)
Died Place
Bur. Place
HUSBAND'S FATHER Robert WITT HUSBAND'S MOTHER Dorcus WILLIS
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE Lovina BIGELOW
Born Place
Chr. Place
Died Place
Bur. Place
WIFE'S FATHER WIFE'S MOTHER
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

Husband John Wesley WITT
Wife
Ward Examiners: 1. 2.
Stake or Mission

17 / 25-8 / 30 / 33 / 44-5 / 109 / 501 / 531

John W. Witt
Judge

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WIFE
SEALED (Date and Temple) WIFE TO HUSBAND

PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.
ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER: DATES: 14 Apr 1794
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

SEX M F	CHILDREN (List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth) Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE / TO WHOM	WHEN DIED Day Month Year	SEALED (Date and Temple) CHILDREN TO PARENTS
1 F	Lucy Lovina WITT							
2 M	John Wesley WITT Jr.	10 Feb 1892		Hamilton	Illinois	(1)		
3 M	Robert Nahum WITT							
4 F	Anna Udora WITT							
5 F	Nancy } ? WITT							
6 F	Louisa } WITT							
7 F	Mary Susanna WITT							
8 M	Daniel Brigham WITT							
9 F	Sarah Elizabeth WITT							
10 M	Milton Musser WITT							
11 M	Alphonzo Moroni WITT							

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
12M Franklin Leo WITT
13F Dorcus Marion WITT
14M Jesse Monroe WITT

OTHER MARRIAGES
#2 John md (2) 1 Nov 1869 (EH) Martha Jane TAYLOR

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Welby YOUNG
Representative

Welby Young

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After attending the old Heber Central and North schools he graduated from Wasatch High as salutatorian. He played fullback on Wasatch's first football team and debated for the State High School Championship. At BYU he represented the University as debator and extemporaneous speaker.

Legislature; has been chairman of the committee charged with promotion of additional storage for water for Wasatch and Summit Counties, and is Chairman of Utah Water Control Board.

At the depth of the depression in 1932, he became a dairy farmer. Attempting to solve the economic and marketing problems of farmers, with a few others he helped organize one of America's pioneer bargaining cooperatives. It is now Utah's largest dairy organization, and he has served 25 years as director and now is Vice President. One of the first directors of Utah Dairy Council, he is president of National Dairy Council; President of American Dairy Association of Utah; National Director of A.D.A. During the 12 years he has served on the executive committee, chairman of the research committee, and is chairman of the committee supervising the spending of $3,000,000 to promote ice cream and milk.

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